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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN SUPPORT FOR DOMINICAN CANDIDATE FOR
SECRETARY GENERAL OF OAS

REF: STATE 161463

1. DURING ATTENDANCE AT BALAGUER INAUGURATION THIS WEEK, COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO, ACCORDING TO INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, WILL CONFIRM TO THE GODR THE GOCR'S SUPPORT FOR THE DOMINICAN CANDIDATE FOR OAS SECRETARY GENERAL, VICTOR GOMEZ BERGES. THESE SOURCES SAY THAT THE ENTIRE MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED AND A FINAL CHOICE OF CANDIDATE MADE IN SANTO DOMINGO BY THE LATIN AMERICAN MINISTERS ATTENDING THE INAUGURATION.

2. IN THE VIEW OF THESE SOURCES, THE ARGENTINE CANDIDATE WAS A STALKING-HORSE PROPOSED ONLY TO BE LATER WITHDRAWN IN FAVOR OF SAPENA PASTOR. THERE IS SOME BITTERNESS HERE OVER THIS ARGENTINE MANEUVER.

3. THESE SAME LOWER-LEVEL FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE DECIDEDLY AGAINST FACIO'S POSITION ON
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GOMEZ BERGES, WHOM THEY CONSIDER INDRAROPRIATE

FOR THE MMS, ALTHOUGH THEY BELIEVE HE IS BETTER THAN
SAPENA PASTT. THEIR OBJECTION TO GOMEZ BERGES
STEMS PRINCIPALLY FROM HIS TRUJILLO HERITAGE, AN
IMAGE THEY BELIEVE THE OAS CAN WELL DO WITHOUT.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THESE VIEWS WILL GET A NEW
HEARING AT HIGHER LEVELS OF GOCR IF THE GOMEZ BERGES
CANDIDACY DOES NOT PROSPER.
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